

FADE IN:

INT. RECRUITMENT COMMERCIAL - DAY

A COMMERCIAL FOR RECRUITMENT TO UNSC FORCES

Brief flashes of recruitment vid

ADMIRAL
Afraid? Don't be! Our warships
and space stations have enough
firepower to obliterate the enemy
in seconds! ... Afraid? Don't be!
... Afraid? Don't be!

DISPLAY GOES TO TOP
LEFT

EXT. VEHICLE DEPOT - NIGHT

TERAIN COMES INTO
FOCUS

THREE
(without looking
up)
Seven? Seven, I'm going to need
you to stay with me.

Three is busy arming an explosive to a Covenant Wraith

SEVEN
Oh, uhhhh... yes sir.

Switches off vid

SEVEN (cont.)
The neural interface can be a bit
difficult to get used to.

THREE
Bet they didn't include this in
those recruitment videos, eh? How
we lookin' from up there Four?

Shot moves up to Four, perched in a sniper nest

FOUR
Oh, 'bout the same as usual, Sir.
Two at your twelve o'clock, and
fifty here in 5 seconds if you're
spotted.

Shots of Elites crawling all over

SEVEN
(concerned)
But they can't see us... can they,
Sir?

THREE
Nothing you need to worry about,
son. How's that out, Five?

Shot of Hog running, with Five in the driver seat

FIVE
(calmly)
Exit strategy 10 seconds out and
standing by.

THREE
Good. Just a few more adjustments
to the arming device and...

Device beeps twice

THREE (cont.)
(dismay)
Oh no.

Bomb explodes and sends Three flying into a wall. Three
Dies.

SEVEN
Sir

FOUR
Sir!

FIVE
What's going on?

Elites look up, queued in by the explosion. They start
moving toward the explosion and sound alarm.

SEVEN
Sir, are you alright?!?

FOUR
(seeing Elites)
Seven, you have to get out of
there!

Seven pulls out pistol, and starts backing up

SEVEN
(frantic)
Uhhh... I think I'm going to need
that out!

FOUR
Five, execute extraction!

FIVE
On my way.

Hog revs and speeds up. Elites slowly moving closer to
Seven.

SEVEN
(shooting)
Any time now would be wonderful!

Hog flies in, crushing several forward Elites. Seven hops in
passenger seat. Hog begins to speed away.

SEVEN
Wait.

FIVE
What?

FOUR
Almost there...

FIVE
What are we waiting for?

Several Elite pilots get into their vehicles and start speeding towards the Hog.

SEVEN
Almost there...

FOUR
THAT'S IT!

Seven presses explosive activation device. All shots go to slow motion, as ALL of the Covenant vehicles explode sending their drivers flying.

SEVEN
Woo Hoo!!!

FOUR
That got 'em!

FIVE
Flaming Monkey Poo!

Several Wraiths and Ghosts come from around the back of the base in pursuit of the Hog.

FIVE
Well that's not good.

Hog resumes speeding away. Four snipes a closing Ghost, and gets pined down by enemy sniper. Hog comes around a corner, skids to a halt, pulled around to face oncoming vehicles. Banshee closing, when Tank comes from around the corner and blows it away.

MAJOR
Looks like we got here just in time.

FOUR
That wins the understatement of the week, Major.

UNSC Forces clean up the rest of the Covenant base. Full Covenant retreat.

THE END